MINUTES

OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA,

ORIGINAL,

FREEWILL--BAPTIST,

GENERAL CONFERENCE,

HELD AT

FREE-UNION MEETING HOUSE, GREENE CO., N. C.,

On the 5th, 6th 7th and 8th days of November, A. D., 1857.

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1857.

This was a faction of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina who separated in 1853 over the question of membership in secret societies (especially the Freemasons). In 1859 this faction merged with the Union Baptists (although a majority of the congregations returned to the F.W.B. General Conference rather than enter the merger).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 1857.

Agreeably to previous appointment, the ministers, messengers and delegates of the North Carolina, Original, Free-will Baptist Conference met at Free-Union Meeting House, Greene Co., N. C. at 12 o'clock, M.

Elder Hiram G. Paul, who had been previously appointed to preach the introductory sermon, attended and introduced Divine service, and preached from the 20th Psalm and a part of the 5th verse—"In the name of our God, we will set up our banners."

Conference was then duly organized, by choosing Elders Hiram G. Paul, Moderator; Thomas Moore, assistant Moderator; brethren William A. Brand, Clerk, and John H. Jackson assistant Clerk.

On motion, agreed, that brethren John W. Linton and William Bennett be a committee of finance, to receive contributions, settle with the Treasurer and report to Conference.

On motion, agreed that brethren Owen W. Jones, Thomas Weatherington and William W. Galloway be appointed a committee of arrangements, to supply the congregation and fill the stage with preachers during this Conference.

On motion, the committee who was to fill the stage with preachers, during this Conference, reported Elders Jessee Bennett and S. J. Carrow to preach to the attending congregation on Friday.

On motion, agreed that brother Irvin Jones attend the stage and receive a list of texts, taken by the different Elders or preachers, during this Conference, and report a copy of the same to the clerk.

On Motion, agreed that Conference adjourn till Friday, 10 o'clock; prayer and praise by Elder S. J. Carrow.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1857.

The Elders, Ministers and Messengers, met agreeably to adjournment; praise and prayer by brother Jesse Bennett.

On motion, agreed that the letters from the several churches be called for and read.

The number of members, delegates, amount of contributions &c., were as the following table exhibits:

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CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	DELEGATES.	Received	Baptised.	Exom.	Died	Dismissed.	No. of members.	$	c.
Louisen Swamp,	Lenoir,	L. Hill, W. Falkner, C. Johnson.			4	6	3	274	4	
Wheat Swamp.	"	Wm. Lassiter,					2	123	2	
Bethel,	"	Joseph Pitman,	2	1				22	1	
Hickory Grove,	"	R. Hill, S. J. Sutton,	13	4		3		66	2	
South West,	"	J. H. Jackson,		1	1	1		68	3	
Imitation,	Pitt,	Abner Smith,	2			5	1	18		50
Tar River,	"	Not represented,						23		
Little Creek.	Greene,	Thomas Weatherington.						202		
Free Union,	"	J. R. Dail, W. A. Brand.				1		23	1	50
Hookerton,	"	Irvin Jones, B. Dixon,	4			1		46	2	
Goose Creek,	Craven,	Wm. Bennet, Jesse Bennet, Jno. Scott,	15	8		4		119	2	
Milton B. River,	"	Represented by pastor,	2	26		1	1	110		
Rit Swamp,	"	F. Fulshire, H. T. Fulshire				1	1	83	2	
Post Oak,	"	T. Pollard,		4				111	1	50
Concord,	"	By letter,	6	6	2	5	1	66	1	50
Liberty,	"	S. Weatherington,						10	1	
Newbern,	"	By letter,	20	12	1	4	2	36	1	
Mount Zion,	"	By letter,	3	3				46	1	
Free Union,	Martin.	Jno. Swinson,	29	26	2	2	1	76	1	50
Goose Creek,	Beaufort	By letter,		3				20		50
Pantego,	"	M. J. Flinn,		5	5	5	1	83	1	50
Union Chapel,	"	W W Galoway. LA Taylor	2	4	2	1	2	132	2	50
Blount's Creek,	"	Not represented,						22		
Purgo Chapel,	"	M. Linton, J. W. Linton, Wm. E. Wright,	12	7		1		45	1	50
Rustel's Creek,	Carteret	S. J. Carrow.				2	22	23	1	
Hood Swamp,	Wayne	Wm. Frazier, H. F. Smith.			2			20	1	
Little Creek,	Greene,	Thos Weatherington, J. McGlohorn,		2		2	1	193	3	

On motion, agreed that the Finance committee retire, settle with the Treasurer, and report to Conference.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To balance on hand last year,	$8 65
Contributed this year,	38 50
	$47 10

WM. BENNETT,
J. W. LINTON, } *Com. of Finance.*

On motion agreed that brother Jesse Bennett be ordained, during Conference, as a minister.

On motion, agreed that brother J. H. Jackson draw on the Treasurer for the sum of $4.

On motion, agreed that the committee appointed to attend to the publishing of a Freewill Baptist Journal be continued for the next year.

On motion, agreed that brother John H. Jackson be appointed to attend the Freewill Baptist Association, South.

On motion, agreed that there be volunteers called for to attend the Cape Fear Conference, to meet in October next, which the following list will show: J. H. Jackson, Wm. A. Brand, O. W. Jones, Elders Alfred Moore and Silvester J. Carrow.

On motion agreed that Elder D. H. Miller's name be enrolled on our minutes.

On motion, agreed that the petitions for the next General Conference be taken up.

Voted, that our next Annual Conference be held with the church at Louisen Swamp, Lenoir county, and that it commence on Thursday before the second Lords day in November A. D., 1858.

On motion, agreed that Elder S. J. Carrow be requested to preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Thomas Moore be his alternate.

On motion, agreed that Wm. A. Brand transcribe and prepare these minutes for the press.

On motion, agreed that there be 1500 copies printed.

On motion, agreed that there be 100 copies of these minutes sent to the Cape Fear Conference.

On motion, agreed, that Wm. A. Brand, be paid $15 for his services.

On motion. agreed, that the general treasurer pay over to the Clerk $25 to defray expenses of these minutes.

On motion, agreed, that the committee of Arrangements retire and report the names of the preachers to fill the stand on Saturday.

Committee reported Elders H. G. Paul and Jesse Bennett.

On motion, agreed, that Conference adjourn until Saturday, 10 o'clock, A. M.; Praise and prayer by Elder Alfred Moore.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1857.

The ministers and delegates met agreeably to adjournment; Praise and prayer by Elder B. B. Albritton.

On motion, agreed that Elder B. B. Albritton and H. G. Paul attend to the ordination of Brother Jesse Bennet.

On motion, agreed that the committee appointed to have Hymn Books printed make a report at the next Conference of how many books they have on hand, and how much money they have on hand, as proceeds arising from the sale of the books.

Resolved, That this Conference have learned with deep regret of the death of Elder John Barrow.

Resolved, That in the death of Elder J. Barrow this Conference have lost an able and efficient minister; and that they tender their sincere and heartfelt condolence to the family of their deceased brother, in their sad bereavement.

On motion, agreed that this Conference tender their thanks to the inhabitants of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during the session.

On motion, agreed that Elder Jesse Bennett's name be enrolled on these minutes.

On motion, agreed that Conference adjourn to time and place above mentioned.

HIRAM G. PAUL, *Moderator.*
THOMAS MOORE, *Ast. Moderator.*
WILLIAM H. BRAND, *Clerk.*
JOHN A. JACKSON, *Ast. Clerk.*

The following is a list of the Ministers, Preachers and Elders belonging to the original, Freewill-Baptist Conference in Eastern North Carolina, who are known to be favorable to it:

NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF MINISTERS.

THOMAS MOORE,	Hookerton.
B. B. ALBRITTON,	Greenville.
HIRAM G. PAUL,	Newbern.
S. J. CARROW,	Beaufort.
F. B. SILVERTHORN,	Bay River.
ALFRED MOORE,	Kinston.
CHAS. HOLTON.	
MATTHEW HOLTON,	Bay River.
EDMUND VENDRIX,	Newbern.
L. B. VANN.	
B. C. WOOD.	
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsborough.
JESSE BENNET,	Newbern.

Under the direction of the committee of arrangements, the stage was supplied and the congregation was entertained as follows :

Friday, November 6th, 1857—Elder Jesse Bennett introduced divine service and preached from Revelations, 22nd chapter and 17th verse—"And the spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Elder S. J. Carrow followed and preached from Matthew, 22nd chapter and 14th verse—"For many are called but few are chosen."

Saturday Morning, November 7th, 1857—Elder H. G. Paul preached from Matthew, 12th chapter and 50th verse : "For whosoever shall do the will of my father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother." Elder S. G. Carrow followed by exhortation.

Sunday Morning, November 8th., 1857—Praise and prayer by Elder Jesse Bennett. Elder S. G. Carrow introduced divine service and preached from 2nd Timothy, 3rd chapter and 5th verse—"Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Elder Thos. Moore followed and preached from Revelations, 4th chapter and 6th verse—"And before the throne there was a sea of glass, like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and around about the throne were four beasts full of eyes before and behind."

Prayer and praise by Elder Thos. Moore, and all were dismissed.

ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

CHURCHES & COUNTIES.		ANNUAL MEETINGS.	QUARTERLY MEETINGS.
Louisen Swamps,	Lenoir,	1st Sun. in Oct.	1st Sun. in July, Jan., Apl.
Wheat Swamp,	"	3rd " "	3rd " " " "
Bethel,	"	2nd " Sept.	2nd " Dec., March, June.
Hickory Grove,	"	2nd " Oct.	2nd " Jan., April, July.
South West,	"	2nd " "	2nd " " " " "
Imitation,			
Tar River,	Pitt,	1st " Sept.	1st " Dec., March, June.
Little Creek,	Greene,	3rd " Oct,	3rd " Jan., April, July,
Free Union.	"	3rd " Aug.	3rd " Nov., Feb., May.
Hookerton,	"		
Goose Creek,	Craven,	3rd " Oct.	3rd " Jan., April, July.
Bay River,	"	4th " Oct.	4th " Jan., April, July.
Rit Swamp,	"	1st " Sept.	1st " Dec., March, June.
Post Oak,	"	1st " Aug.	1st " Nov., Feb., May.
Concord,	"	1st " "	1st " " " " "
Liberty,	"	1st " "	1st " " " " "
Newbern,	Craven,		
Mount Zion,	"		
Free Union,	Martin,	4th " Sept.	4th " Dec., March, June.
Goose Creek,	Beaufort,	4th " Aug.	4th " Nov., Feb., May.
Pantego.	"	3rd " Sept.	3rd " Dec., March, June.
Union Chapel,	"	2nd " Aug.	2nd " Nov'r., Feb., May.
Blount's Creek,	"	4th " "	4th " " " " "
Pungo,	"		
Rustel's Creek,	Carteret,	2nd " Oct.	2nd " Jan., April, July.
Hood Swamp,	Wayne,	1st " Aug.	1st " Nov'r., Feb., May.

DEAR BRETHREN: In the performance of the duty which you assigned me—that of transcribing and preparing the minutes of our Conference for the press, I have used diligence in trying to give all the statements correctly, and to do it in a manner that might be satisfactory to you, by following the course pursued by others in preparing the Minutes of previous Conferences. Please pardon all errors.

Done by order of Conference.

WM. A. BRAND, *Clerk.*

Nov. 17th, A. D., 1857.